The Children of Spite

A Derealized Short Story Picture Book

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The Children of Spite are the offspring of a lost generation of a lost state.

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They live in a derealized suburban lot
littered with soda cans and quartz,

overgrown with dandelions,
the supple yellows,

the soft gray reminders of maturity never reached,
dispersed in the gentle winds.

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They are blessed with an eternal present
by the silver butterfly,

but a future cursed,
swollen shut by the lasting sting
of the bumblebee.

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Born with steel forks in their mouths,

not spoons,
they speak like the shards
of a shattered tea party.

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Soft parenting with a hard consequence,
the Children of Spite do not bathe.

Yet, the grass grows clean.

The wildflowers grow vibrant.

The End